



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE MAKE ARRESTS IN BURGLARIES

The Salem Police Department has made arrests in relation to the following incidents:

- On August 5, 2010, a burglary was reported at Sprinkle Family Dentistry located in the 500 block of Roanoke Boulevard. Forced entry was made through a window at some point during the night/early morning hours of August 4 – August 5. A petty cash box containing an undisclosed amount of cash and blank prescription pads were taken.
- On July 28, 2010, a burglary was reported at the office of Dr. Caroline Wallace, DDS located in the 100 block of S. Colorado St. Forced entry was made through a window sometime during the night/early morning hours of July 27 - July 28. A lockbox containing various medications was taken.
- On October 26, 2009, a burglary was reported at the office of Dr. Harvey, DMD PC located in the 100 block of S. Colorado St. Forced entry was made through a window sometime between October 24 and October 26. Two canisters of Nitrous Oxide were taken.

In addition to the above burglary incidents:

- On August 6, 2010 at approximately 10am, a subject attempted to pass a forged prescription at a pharmacy located in the 1800 block of W. Main St. The subject was not successful, but managed to leave with the written forged prescription (script)
- On August 6, 2010 shortly after 10am, the same subject attempted to pass the forged prescription at another pharmacy located in the 1700 block of W. Main St. Again the subject was not successful.

After an investigation, the Salem Police Department arrested and charged the following subject:

Matthew Eric Poff, age 31, of Salem. Poff was charged with the following offenses (all felonies):

- 3 counts of Burglary
- 3 counts of Grand Larceny
- 1 count of Forgery (of a prescription)
- 2 counts of Uttering
- 2 counts of attempting to Obtain Drugs by Fraud.

Poff was arrested without incident on the afternoon of August 6, 2010 and taken to the Roanoke County/Salem Jail, where he was held without bond pending an arraignment.

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